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Base Briefs

GATE OPENINGS

The Utah Gate is now open from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The Lompoc Gate is open 24 hours through Sept. 14. The Titan Gate is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

POW/MIA DAY

Vandenberg AFB honors service members held prisoner of war or missing in action and their families at 2 p.m. Sept. 19. The base's National POW/MIA Day recognition ceremony takes place at the POW/MIA memorial in front of the base library.

CFC KICKOFF

The Combined Federal Campaign kicks off at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Pacific Coast Club. Call 606-3216.

PROMOTION CEREMONY

Team Vandenberg's September promotion ceremony takes place at 3 p.m. Sept. 2 in the Pacific Coast Club. All inductees and promotees must be in place at 2 p.m. Master sergeants and staff sergeants will wear the service dress uniform. All others will wear a blue uniform with long sleeve shirt, tie or tab and ribbons.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Operation Kids' Christmas charity golf tournament starts today at 11 a.m. The price is \$80 per team plus green and cart fees. To sign up, call Capt. Jeff Fugate at 606-4517 or Kevin Miller at 606-1938.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tri-Counties Blood Bank conducts a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Services Center. Call Master Sgt. David Laplant at 606-0278 for more information.

GATE CLOSURE

The Solvang Gate is closed through Jan. 19. The gate is closed while civil engineers complete construction on the 13th Street bridge. Call the 30th Security Forces Squadron at 605-2585 with questions.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Space Wing Legal office is closed Sept. 15-19 for an Air Force Space Command legal conference. Normal legal assistance resumes Sept. 22. Call the on-call attorney at 588-2822 for emergency legal issues only.

RECRUITING TRIP

The Air Force Honor Guard from Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., conducts a recruiting briefing at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Pacific Coast Club. The elite unit is looking for airmen in the ranks of senior airman through senior master sergeant. All applicants must meet minimum time on station requirements and are encouraged to bring their spouses to the briefing. Call Staff Sgt. Virgil Peacock at 606-3654 for more information, or call Staff Sgt.

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PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. RICHARD FREELAND

Prepared to launch

Task force members from the 91st Space Wing, Minot AFB, N.D., arrived here Aug. 17 for the upcoming launch of an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile. Maintenance teams installed the three-stage booster Monday while the operations crews powered up the launch control center. The missile is scheduled to launch in September.

By STAFF SGT. REBECCA DANÉT
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 30th Space Wing Exercise and Evaluation section pushed Team Vandenberg to extremes this week during Foggy Shores Exercise 03-08.

The exercise kicked off Monday with Exercise Evaluation Team members attempting to leave suspicious packages in key buildings on base, according to the exercise scenario. From there, the group progressed to calling in exercise bomb threats.

According to Ed Rambus, 30th SW inspector, the events were designed to test base personnel's anti-terrorism and force protection awareness. The evaluators were looking to see how people reacted to the different scenarios thrown at them, he said.

Monday's exercise activities culminated with a medical emergency, another suspicious package and a building evacuation. Tuesday dawned bright and early for Team V as Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th SW commander, directed a general recall at 5 a.m.

As the day progressed, simulated events including several power outages, utility outages, a water main failure, severe weather warnings and unauthorized deliveries plagued the base.

As an added twist, the base communications center received an exercise message that intelligence was received indicating possible hacker attacks against West Coast



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. EDWARD BRALY

Vandenberg firefighters conduct a simulated confined space rescue during this week's Foggy Shores Exercise 03-08.

military bases. Team V implemented Information Condition Bravo and stepped up its protection of the base's communication resources.

"Communications attacks have the potential to significantly impact our mission success," said Staff Sgt. Benedict Maranon, 30th Space Communications Squadron Computer Network Defense office. "That's why it's so important to exercise these scenarios and figure out how to work around any problems that arise."

Exercise havoc continued throughout the base Wednesday

with EET members attempting to gain unauthorized entry to controlled areas. Civil engineers were tasked to demonstrate their ability to implement the base's barrier plan. Meanwhile, exercise severe-weather warnings forecast impending gloom over Vandenberg.

Around 9:30 a.m., a natural gas leak was discovered on a service line outside building 11432. During the ensuing evacuation, EET members took the opportunity to inspect computer security within the building.

They were looking for automatic

screen savers and passwords, Rambus said.

Later that day Team Vandenberg received startling exercise news when an active-duty airman was struck by a simulated lightning bolt and killed. As the casualty reporting and notification team went to work, civil engineers were mopping up a sewer main stoppage at the base famcamp.

By afternoon, the weather cleared up and all severe-weather warnings were cancelled. But only a few miles north at Camp San Luis Obispo, all was far from clear. EET members here reported exercise

explosions at the Army Reserve Base.

Another gas leak and sewer main stoppage kept civil engineers busy the rest of the afternoon.

Thursday morning Team V members were shaken from their beds by a simulated earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale. Several buildings collapsed and there were mass casualties followed by looting, utility outages and assaults.

The exercise seismic event knocked out all communications including phone, radio and cellular, for more than an hour. Personnel evacuated severely damaged buildings and people were reported trapped inside the simulated collapsed base fitness center.

Roads buckled and bridges collapsed, water and sewer mains failed and damage was reported to airfield facilities, taxiways and runways.

The exercise train came to a crashing halt late Thursday when inspectors and evaluators had seen all they needed to see.

EET members will get together next week for a hotwash and units will learn how they fared in Foggy Shores Exercise 03-08, Rambus said.

"All-in-all, things seemed to go well," Rambus said. "We wanted to see how responsive people were to things going on around them and I think this exercise gave us a good site-picture of Vandenberg's awareness and response capabilities."

Commissary boosts large quantities for low prices

Families get deals in new bulk sales area

By AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

When the commissary closed its doors on the mini com Aug. 1, officials opened the doors to a new world of bulk sales.

With the extra space left by the closed mini com, officials said they wanted to do something that would really benefit Team Vandenberg.

The former mini com is now the Bulk Sales Value Area and provides products in large quantities for a cheaper price.

"Our patrons don't have to go to Costco anymore," said Robert Varela, commissary zone manager.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. EDWARD BRALY

2nd Lt. Joel Silk, 30th Operations Support Squadron, and his wife, Jennifer, compare prices in the Vandenberg Commissary's new bulk sales value area.

"We will have a large number of those very same products right here, for the very same low prices.

So in closing down the mini com the customers haven't lost a thing; they've actually gained

set in stone and there will be options for customers to give their input on what's sold and how low

something."

The bulk sales area provides items such as soda, bottled water, frozen foods, detergent and personal hygiene products.

"We want to use the bulk sales value area as a place where patrons can come and get special deals, seasonal items and holiday specials," Varela said. "I think people could get used to that idea."

He said the benefits of the bulk sales area are still not in stone and there will be options for customers to give their input on what's sold and how low

the prices are.

"If a customer has an idea about something we should be selling in bulk, then we want them to tell us," Varela said. "We have a suggestion box in place for customers to put their ideas in. They can also make us aware of a lower price at Costco and we'll make every effort to meet that price."

"I think the bulk sales area is a great addition to the commissary," said Kylie Cleer, Team V family member. "The prices are really good and I hope this lasts for a long time."

Cleer said she would definitely be coming to the bulk sales area on a regular basis.

The bulk sales value area is open during the same hours as the commissary and is accessible through the main commissary entrance.

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Motorcycle safety day provides Team V's airmen with tips on motorcycle safety and awareness.
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Destinations Central Coast gets a glimpse of Lompoc's past at the Fabing-McKay-Spanne house.
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Weekend forecast
Morning and afternoon low clouds
Saturday and Sunday.

Low/High
57/75

For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit
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Col. Gallegos: I want you all back safely next week

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing commander

Good day HAWKS! You are all critical to conducting the mission and recent history proves this fact. Our wing helped assure access to space by launching three different boosters in 10 days with the same great result – perfection!

Following the launches, we had a Foggy Shores exercise that will prepare us for contingencies and our upcoming readiness inspection in 2004 – it’s been a busy time.

And today you start a much-deserved long weekend ... but we must be careful not to sit back on our fourth point of contact or let our guard down when it comes to safety.

Although we have been successful at fulfilling our primary mission and exercising our command and control capabilities, take time to remember the basic Team Vandenberg Vectors: Unleashing Human Talent, Airmen, Wing Mission, Knowledge to command the future and Safety (**HAWKS**).

This weekend we need to pay close attention to the “S” in

HAWKS and risk management in all we do, because without sound safety practices and risk mitigation in our lives, we won’t be around to command the very bright future of space.

In this effort, our Safety Office put on a fantastic Motorcycle Safety Day Aug. 21 that I know many of you attended. Hopefully you listened to the facts they presented. Almost 60 percent of all Air Force deaths during this year’s “101 Critical Days of Summer” involved motorcycles! In addition, the National Safety Council estimates 488 people will die and more than 25,000 people will suffer non-fatal injuries in motor vehicle accidents during the Labor Day weekend – do what you can to NOT be a statistic.

So remember, if you’re leaving town, make sure you’re rested, your car is well maintained, you have plenty of gas and that you have a plan for what to do in case of an emergency. And always, always wear your seatbelts. We need you here with our team!

Additionally, we all know the right answer when it comes to drinking and driving – DON’T! There’s no reason to risk your



lives and those of other people. Be smart, plan ahead and stick to that plan.

If there’s any doubt, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving, 606-AADD (2233). They will get you home safely, and that’s all I want!

We need to be sure that we follow the same strict adherence to safety in our off time as we do when we are preparing to launch. Remember that nothing is so important that you should risk your safety or the safety of the people around you.

That’s how we will continue to

be successful, by effectively accomplishing the mission in a safe and capable way – no matter what the “mission” may be. Through guarding our greatest assets – YOU – and doing the right thing.

Take care of each other this weekend. Don’t let your friends do something stupid that could cost them their career, their life or the life of someone else.

It’s up to each and every one of you to remain vigilant and not lose sight of what makes the 30th Space Wing the best in the command. Go HAWKS!

Commander's Action Line

Call 606-7850 or
E-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil



Col. Frank Gallegos commander

people in the outside lanes are trying to get out between the people in the inside lane. They nearly caused a large accident on the way out of the main gate yesterday.

So I just wanted to see if security forces would put some cones leading out the gate to try and direct traffic off base safely. There is no reason for personnel to cross the lanes of traffic because there is a lane to go straight if that is where you are headed and another lane for those who are turning right. Hopefully this can help to further avoid possible accidents.

A : Thank you for your concern in this important matter; safety issues will always be a top priority. At your suggestion, our security forces have taken a closer look at the main gate traffic flow during the peak exit hours and agreed with your assessment.

As a result, orange safety cones are now placed to preclude drivers from ‘jumping’ traffic lanes while exiting base. As a reminder to all, obeying traffic signs, posted speed limits and being a considerate driver will help keep our roads safe for everyone. Again, thanks for the great suggestion.



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Above: Gary LaPlante performs tricks on his motorcycle for on-lookers at Vandenberg’s first Motorcycle Safety Day. Right: Flo Pangelinan, 30th Space Wing Safety office checks out the safety gear that Senior Airman Andrew Luma, 30th Operations Support Squadron, uses while riding his Honda CVR 600 RR. Pangelinan made sure Luma and his bike were in compliance with base motorcycle safety regulations. More than 70 people took part in the event Aug. 21.



IDEA lands \$10,000 for Team V member

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ A photographic and optical technical expert with the 30th Space Communications Squadron here reaped the rewards of a suggestion he submitted to the base Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program, which saved the Air Force more than \$1.3 million.

Bruce Richards, chief of technical services, received a \$10,000 cash award for his suggestion to use less expensive cameras in filming and tracking launches here.

According to Richards, the optical

instrumentation section had nine optical tracking mounts with video trackers installed to automatically track ballistic and satellite launches.

“Each tracker required high contrast black and white video image to track the target effectively,” Richards said. “In the past, standard color video production cameras were used to drive the auto trackers with little success.”

Richards said the color video production was used because medium-wave infrared, or MWI, cameras and telescopes were prohibitively expensive.

“To solve the problem I engineered and

field tested a low-cost alternative to the \$55,000 MWI video tracking cameras and the \$100,000 MWI telescope,” Richards said.

He said the solution was to use a \$1,400 charged-couple device camera with near-infrared sensor coupled with a .9-micron filter.

The cost for nine MWI cameras is \$495,000 and \$900,000 for nine 50-inch MWI telescopes for a combined total of around \$1.3 million Richards said. The replacement solution of near-infrared cameras cost \$12,600.

“The significance of near-infrared here is the fact that it cuts through haze very well, and provides a high contrast target

for the auto tracker to capture and track,” Richards said. This is extremely useful for night launches because the bright light from the glare can obscure the object.

The former U.S. Navy photographer added that another advantage to the solution is that near-infrared cameras can use standard 50-inch telescopes already in the 30th SCS inventory.

“With expanding mission requirements and shrinking resources, today’s Air Force is required to do more with less,” said Mary Ann Simmons, Vandenberg’s IDEA Program manager. The Air Force IDEA Program is a method to capture different

ways of doing business with innovation and process improvements.

Simmons said the program is designed to reward people whose ideas help improve government operations while saving money, time and resources or correcting a health or safety hazard.

Every approved idea receives a \$200 cash award, she said. The maximum award available is \$10,000.

The program is fully automated and can be accessed through the following website at <https://ideas.randolph.af.mil>. For more information, call the IDEA Program Manager at 605-6460.

Who will get a quarter of a million dollars?

By 2ND LT. THERESA CUNNINGHAM
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Airmen forfeit control of distribution for up to a quarter of a million dollars when they designate ‘by law’ as the beneficiary of their Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance.

Airman Joanna Nolasco, 30th Mission Support Squadron customer service representative, said almost all new airmen arrive with ‘by law’ designated as their beneficiary.

“Most people put ‘by law’ because it’s quick,” Nolasco said.

Capt. Zach Ware, 30th Space Wing assistant judge advocate, said that in training environments a lot of airmen are processed quickly and told that ‘by law’ will be sufficient.

“In the short term this is true,” Ware said. “But this can be a substantial amount of money. There needs to be a follow-up. You need to know what the consequences are of leaving ‘by law’ as your beneficiary.”

Ware said the legal definition of next of kin may not cover people the member considers family.

A point paper released by Maj. Thomas Farmer, Air Force Legal Services Agency judge advocate, cites the case of a service member who throughout his military career financially provided for the foster parents who raised him.

Upon the member’s death, his SGLI proceeds went not to the “parents” he intended but to his drug-addicted natural mother who had abandoned him as a child.

Farmer notes Army, Navy and Marine Corps prohibition of ‘by law’ designations. These prohibitions followed a significant number of contested ‘by law’ cases when payment went to clearly unintended beneficiaries, Farmer said.

The Air Force Judge Advocate has recommended the Air Force adopt a policy prohibiting ‘by law’ designations throughout the service.

“Currently you have two options,” said Ware, “to designate ‘by law’ or to specify your beneficiaries ‘by name’.” Ware said he wants to raise awareness about the importance of updating SGLI. The ‘by law’ statute cannot foresee the member’s circumstances at the time of death.

By designating ‘by law’, SGLI statute follows a specific order of beneficiary. Proceeds go first to the spouse. If there is no spouse, surviving children share the proceeds equally.

Next in line are the servicemember’s biological parents. If there are no parents, the proceeds go to the executor of the deceased’s estate.

Farmer’s paper cautions that stepparents, estranged spouses, illegitimate children, etc., whom the member may or may not wish to provide for could inadvertently be included or excluded.

Ware said it’s important to stress that SGLI is separate from a will. SGLI is an insurance policy and will not automatically be paid to the beneficiaries of a will. He wants airmen to be informed, he said.

“When that message came out,” Nolasco said, “I switched from ‘by law’ and named someone... to make sure the money went to who I wanted it to.”

Airmen are given the opportunity to update their SGLI every time they switch bases. Nolasco said the only information airmen need to designate a beneficiary is a complete name and complete address. The servicemember can then decide percent of payment and designate a lump sum or 36 equal payments.

Ware’s advice for airmen is not to leave the distribution of this valuable benefit to chance.

“Take a few minutes to specifically name your intended beneficiaries,” he said, “to best ensure the proceeds from your SGLI policy are distributed in a timely manner to those you wish.”

Hometown: Lockport, N.Y.
Time in service: 10 years
Time on station: 6 months
Role in mission: NCO in charge of Standardization, Evaluation and Training. I'm also a Western Range weather forecaster
How do you contribute to the wing mission? I ensure 30th Space Wing resource protection by evaluating and developing the range weather forecaster training process.
What do you like best about the Air Force? I like living and working in a technologically advanced environment with chances to see the world.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I'd increase enlisted pay for those who hold bachelor's degrees in their field of expertise.
How do you fulfill core values? I use them as three rules in which to conduct business and live life.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? Each move and temporary duty is a challenging and exciting experience. However, getting on the rotator leaving Korea was a great feeling.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? I'd break up the category of E-5 through O-10 for green fees at the golf course.
Who is your role model and why? My grandfather, James Matthews. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He taught me to never quit. Without hesitation, he and his generation gave so much to their country to protect the American dream and asked for little in return.

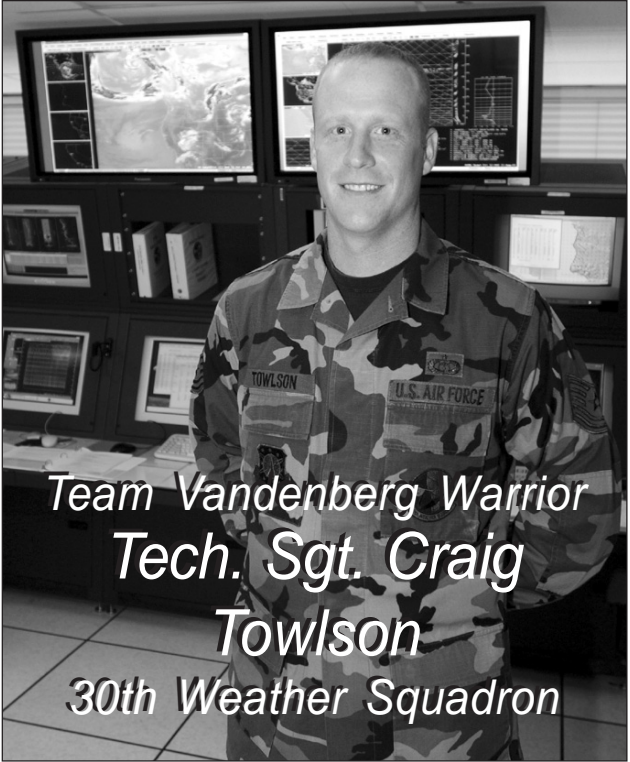


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Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a great president who related to the common man. His actions built our country out of the depression and assured the safety of the world by making the U.S. the greatest military power in history.
Favorite book: “We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young” by retired Army Lt. Gen. Harold Moore and Joseph Galloway
Hobbies: golf, hockey, fishing, camping, and spending time with my wife and two sons

ALCON: Alpha
A general threat of possible alcohol abuse or DUI activity exists.
Days since last DUI: 28
DUI totals for the Year: 12
AADD saves this Year: 205

30th OG	1	14th AF	0
30th MXG	1	381st TRG	2
30th MSG	4	576th FLTS	1
30th MDG	0	Det. 9	1
30th SW	0	Others	2

Don’t be caught with deer in the headlights

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ People see deer here everyday grazing along roadways and bounding across open grassy areas of the base. The black-tailed does and bucks are beautiful but as the sun goes down, they can become deadly.

Deer strikes, or deer vs. vehicle accidents, often occur as the sun sets and can cause minor to major damage to people, deer and vehicles.

Vandenberg is in the middle of deer strike season and according to last year’s numbers, they happen almost twice as often now as they do during the rest of the year combined.

“This is the time of year when most deer strikes occur,” said Staff Sgt. Damion McElroy, 30th Security Forces Squadron game warden.

Some factors that play into more frequent strikes include the increase of people in the woods and the time of the year.

The rutting or mating season has begun and the deer are traveling more in search of a mate, which means, more of them are crossing roads, McElroy said.

Deer also become preoccupied with finding a mate and become less concerned with people. This makes them less cautious when crossing roads, he added.

Deer are primarily nocturnal and tend to be more active at night. Add

this to the increased pressure of hunting and the mating season and accidents are more likely to happen.

Although there’s not much that can be done about the nature of deer, there are ways to help reduce the chances of striking one.

According to McElroy, driving with high beams helps illuminate the deer’s eyes making them more visible.

“Make sure to follow the speed limits designated,” McElroy said. At night it’s 35 miles per hour.

When the fog comes in, people should go even slower.

Even if drivers follow the speed limit, have their high beams on and can see deer on the side of the road,

they’re not guaranteed to miss them.

“If people see deer near a road, they should be extra careful because there could be more deer that they don’t see,” McElroy said. “If people see a deer cross the road in front of them, they should slow down because there’s a good chance that others will follow.”

If a deer strike occurs, drivers should not try to move the animal from the road.

After a deer strike occurs, anyone involved should contact the 30th SFS at 606-3911. Patrolmen will take a statement and contact the game wardens to handle the animal.

Some roads on base can be more



GRAPHIC BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

hazardous than others.

“The more secluded the road, the higher the risk for striking a

deer,” McElroy said. “But always be wary of deer when driving on and off base.”

Crimebeat...

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT.
WESLEY ASLESON
30th Security Forces Squadron

Aug. 21
Concerned neighbor – 3:14 p.m.

An airman's wife reported finding a three-year-old child wandering on Stonebridge Lane. An airman was contacted at the child's home. He stated he fell asleep and the child departed the quarters. The

airman's first sergeant was notified of the incident.

Suspicious screams – 4:42 p.m.

A county probation officer reported hearing screaming from inside a home she was visiting on Canterbury Court. Investigation revealed an airman was disciplining his teenage daughter and she threw a tantrum.

Dog bite – 5:24 p.m.
An airman reported a

neighbor's pet on Cottonwood Street bit her child on the finger.

The airman owning the dog was contacted and claimed the child provoked his pet. An incident report was accomplished.

Unwanted neighbors – 7:09 p.m.

An airman residing on Blueridge Lane reported raccoons popping out of pipes in his backyard. The airman said he was concerned for the safety of his children with the creatures present. He was referred to housing

maintenance.

Aug. 22
Unattended item – 4:21 p.m.

An airman reported finding a suspicious item in building 10577, 30th Space Wing Headquarters. Investigation revealed the item was a letter containing a challenge coin.

Aug. 23
Stolen Playstation – 12:36 p.m.

An airman reported his Playstation 2 console was stolen from an Atlas Dormitory dayroom. Investigation revealed the airman departed

the dayroom several times leaving the Playstation unattended. He noticed it was missing while watching a movie. The Playstation box and five cartridges were found but not the console.

911 call – 9:30 p.m.
The billeting receptionist reported receiving a 911 call from a room in building 11042, Visiting Officers Quarters. Several calls were made back to the room in question but nobody answered.

The airman assigned to the room was contacted. He was not in need of police

assistance.

Aug. 24
Loud noise – 1:55 a.m.

An airman reported loud music from a Mace Dormitory room. The airman responsible said he would lower the music.

Assault – 2:52 a.m.

An airman reported fighting at the Pacific Coast Club. Investigation revealed an airman grabbed another airman because he was dancing with his wife.

The responsible airman was apprehended for assault.

BRIEFS:

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Jerald Hutnik at the USAF Honor Guard directly at (202) 404-6265.

NO TRESPASSING

The 30th Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms Range Complex located off San Antonio Road West is off limits to all unauthorized personnel. Danger signs are posted around hazardous areas of the range complex. Entering into the area is illegal and dangerous. Contact the combat arms section at 606-5025 for assistance.

VIRTUAL MPF

Military members can view their personal information on-line. Available applications include the virtual record of emergency data, verification record, duty history, assignment information, reenlistment information and templates for humanitarian reassignment applications. For more information, send an e-mail to catherine.braxton@vandenberg.af.mil.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Officer volunteers are needed for Fresno State Reserve Officer Training Corps Career Day from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at Fresno State University. Personnel in space and missile operations, security forces and intelligence are needed. Call public affairs at 606-3595 to volunteer.

EQUAL RELEASE

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment List for April- June 2004 is available on the Air Force Person-

nel Center Web site. To view the list, visit the assignment management system Web site at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>.

TRAVEL VOUCHERS

All military members using a government travel card are required to split disburse all charges made on the card. Travelers are also required to have their supervisor or approving official sign all travel vouchers. Travel vouchers without split disbursement or supervisor signature will not be accepted. For more information, call 2nd Lt. JoAnne Finan at 606-4606.

SCHOOL PHYSICALS

The 30th Medical Group holds school and sports physicals from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Family Practice Clinic by appointment only. Children ages six to 18 enrolled in Tricare Prime are eligible. Children should be dressed in gym shorts, T-shirts, or sweats and must be accompanied by their parents. Call Capt. Stacy Rosales at 605-8254 for information or 606-2273 for appointments.

TAX SCAMS

A new tax scam targets family members of military personnel deployed to Iraq. Scammers posing in military uniform visit the spouses of deployed soldiers and falsely inform them that their spouse has been seriously wounded, then collect personal information about the deployed spouse. Incidents should be reported to the 30th Space Wing legal office immediately.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. EDWARD BRALY

Rank: GS-12
Hometown: Walden, N.Y.
Time in service: 20 years on active duty, 2 years civil service
Time on station: 5 years
Role in mission: staff meteorologist, systems analyst and administrator, launch team member
How do you contribute to the wing mission? My job is to provide guidance and expertise to the 30th WS Commander on the sustainment and upgrade of Western Range weather systems, administration and oversight of weather system upgrade contracts,

maintenance and improvement of weather computer systems, and support for all Western Range launch activities.
What do you like best about the Air Force? I really enjoy the teamwork and camaraderie of Air Force life. I've been at this a long time and never grow tired of the mission.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I'd recommend better pay and benefits for the hard working enlisted force.
How do you fulfill core values? Tough question, but

I've been fulfilling them for more than 22 years: Service before self, integrity both on the job and in my personal life, and excellence in all I do.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? Retiring from active duty. I like to think I had a charmed career with a wide variety of adventures and experiences, both good and bad, but I am really enjoying life as a civilian federal employee.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? Vandenberg is a wonderful place to live for the older and more settled folks. However, it can look like a real dead-end for the younger airmen. The base needs to improve their activity centers with the younger airmen in mind ... an improved gym, bus transportation to the local towns, that sort of thing.
Who is your role model and why? I can't say as I have one; or rather, I have many.
Favorite book: My favorite book is J. R. R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit."



Laser simulator provides weapons training

■ **KIRTLAND AFB, N.M.** — A high-energy laser weapon simulator is helping F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots gain valuable experience with high-energy weapons. The simulator is located at the Fighter Weapons Training Branch in Mesa, Ariz.

The simulator allows pilots to use those simulated weapons in tactical engagements against airborne and ground targets, according to Rudy Martinez, directed energy directorate high-energy laser fighter project manager. It also will help pilots develop tactics, techniques and procedures for new fighter laser systems, he said.

“The ultimate goal is to have pilots use simulators to participate in war games and determine the utility of using high-energy laser weapons against an enemy who is using conventional weapons,” Martinez said. “The simulator is fairly accurate in representing real-world laser weapons and very accurate in target engagements.”

According to Martinez, the directorate’s lethality branch experts are investigating the feasibility of developing a common laser target damage model that can be integrated into other laser-weapon simulators. AFRL experts are currently investigating the future use of laser weapons on the Joint Strike Fighter, and the high-energy laser fighter is a major step in that effort. *(Courtesy of Air Force Materiel Command News Service)*

Airmen open hearts, planes for Thai orphans

By MASTER SGT. MICHAEL FARRIS
353rd Special Operations Group PA
■ **U-TAPOAB, Thailand** — Guy Ratchaporn had never been on an airplane before. The 6 year old never dreamed he would sit in the pilot’s seat of an MC-130 Combat Shadow until the 353rd Special Operations Group airmen from

Kadena Air Base, Japan, opened their airplane and their hearts to children of Thailand’s Ban Jang Jai orphanage Aug. 21.

The 21 boys and 20 girls, between ages 4 and 16, joined the airmen for lunch and also took a peek at some of their hardware. The children sat in the aircrew seats, buckled in and flew an imaginary pattern over this military town nearly 100 miles south of Bangkok. They tried on real parachutes and jumped out the back on a clandestine raid of their unsuspecting friends.

The children got a kick out of their day-trip to the airfield according to Senior Master Sgt. John Giegler, from the 1st Special Operations Squadron.

“Most of these kids don’t have opportunities other children have,” he said. “It’s fun to look at their faces when they’re experiencing something for the first time.” Maj. Pat Butler, a pilot with the 17th Special Operations Squadron, showed the children his airplane.

“Who knows, this visit might plant a seed and create a pilot in a dozen years,” he said.

A dozen 353rd SOG airmen returned to the orphanage with the children — delivering more than a ton of food, toys and clothing. The donations were made by the Kadena AB community.

Master Sgt. Tony Emond, 353rd Operations Support Squadron, organized the drive and said the generosity is heartwarming and greatly appreciated.

“It takes very little to brighten the days of these children,” he said. “The staff at the orphanage was also thrilled at the giant boxes of clothes and toys. Beyond the donation, they were especially happy that we spent time with the kids.”

The airmen are deployed to train with other U.S. and Thai special operations forces.

Rumsfeld: Two options in war against terror

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service
■ Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld told servicemembers at Lackland AFB, Texas, Aug. 25 the United States faced only two options in its war on terror: Fight the terrorists where they live today, or fight them in America tomorrow.

Rumsfeld said the war on terrorism is unlike any the United States has fought in the past. Sept. 11, 2001, ushered in a new age of asymmetric warfare.

“The threats we have faced have not been so much large armies, large navies and large air forces locked in great battle, but suicide bombers, cyberterrorists and low-intensity warfare and the spreading contagion of weapons of mass destruction,” he said.

These unconventional dangers threaten the safety and security of Americans and free people around the world as certainly as the totalitarian regimes the World War II generation confronted, he said.

“Like the greatest generation (who) saved the world from the tyranny of their time, your generation has been called to greatness as well,” Rumsfeld said. “Our freedom, our future depends on the courage and the determination of our forces and what they bring to this world. All across the globe, people long for what we have, for what each of you has volunteered to defend — liberty, democracy, tolerance and a future without fear.”

Rumsfeld said the United States did not ask for the war on terrorism.

“But it is a war we have to fight and we have to win,” he said. “There is no safe, easy middle ground. Either we take the war to the terrorists and fight them where they are — at this moment in Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere — or at some point we will have to fight them here at home.

“This war is real, it is difficult, it is dangerous, and it is far from over, but we are making good progress,” he said.

In the 22 months since the attacks in New York and Washington, the United States has made great strides against the shadowy enemy, Rumsfeld said.

“Two terrorist regimes have been removed, and two peoples have been freed from years of fear and years of oppression,” he said. “We’re working to lay the foundations of freedom and helping to build the pillars upon which liberty and representative

Playing catch



PHOTO BY DAVID ARMER

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Cadet 1st Class Mike Hedding lets Liberty, the falcon, catch a food-laden lure during training here. The academy mascots dive for their dinner at speeds exceeding 200 mph. Four of the other mascots tested positive for West Nile Virus recently, and one likely died of the virus. The academy has 10 falcon mascots.

government will rest.”

The 100-plus days since Iraq’s liberation have been days of difficulty, but also progress, he said. The secretary mentioned the establishment of the Iraqi Governing Council, the formation of dozens of local city councils, the establishment of a central bank and the resumption of oil exports as examples of the progress.

The secretary observed that setbacks in the war on terror will continue.

“But there will be more successes, and the outcome is not in doubt,” he said.

The fact that enlistments and retention figures are up is an indication of the morale and dedication of the U.S. military.

“They are doing important work,” he said.

Rumsfeld said he did not know how long the United States will remain in Iraq. He said the answer is “not knowable” today.

“I wish it were, but it really depends on when the Iraqi people are able to get themselves on a path toward a sovereign and representative government,” he said. “This much is certain: The president said we will stay as long as it takes to finish the job and not a day longer. Our task is to lift the threat of terrorist violence from our people and our future.”

Rumsfeld answered some questions from the estimated 3,500 assembled servicemembers.

One asked about proposals to

raise the military retirement age. Rumsfeld said he has not made a specific recommendation but noted there are some jobs people need to serve in longer. He said quick turnovers mean turmoil and excessive permanent-change-of-station moves.

“It also creates a situation where people move through jobs so fast they don’t have a chance to clean up their own mistakes,” he said. “That’s an important learning experience.”

He also spoke of proposals to “rebalance” the mix between active-duty and Reserve components. He said some high-demand skills, now concentrated in the Reserve component, may need to have some units moved to the active-duty side.

“No one person is smart enough to know exactly what that means, but we’ve got ... each of the services, plus the Joint Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, working on it,” he said. “There should be proposals coming forward in a reasonable period of time.”

Rumsfeld discussed the deployment and redeployment process and said he did not want to call it “ugly,” but rather “imperfect.”

In the case of the Army, “at one point, they were averaging only five days’ notice for a call-up for Reserve and Guard,” he said. “Now that’s just not right. It’s not fair to the families. It’s not fair to their

reservists. It’s not fair to their employers.

“The people are the most important thing we have, and we’ve got to see that we manage that force in a way that’s respectful of people and that gives them a degree of certainty, a degree of predictability,” he said. “So we’ve got to fix that.”

Rumsfeld said the current deployment process is an Industrial Age process “where either the big lever is off — it’s peace, or it’s on — and it’s World War III.”

Reality is not so black and white, and the country is much more likely to have a series of activities and requirements and contingencies that have to be addressed. The process needs to be much more nuanced, he said.

Rumsfeld said the United States is actively seeking allies for help in Afghanistan and Iraq. He said the United States is speaking with more than 70 countries about assistance.

“I think the number currently is somewhere around 40 countries (that) are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom in one way or another,” he said. “We do need international support and assistance. It’s a big help.”

He said it is not likely, however, that U.S. forces will be serving under U.N. leaders in Iraq.

“That is not to say that there are not important places and roles that could be played by United Nations forces,” he said.

Finally, Rumsfeld was provided

Airmen hit the concrete to win Vandenberg’s 2003 Roller Hockey Championship

533rd Traning Squadron, 30th Space Communications Squadron duke it out to win title

By Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney
30th Space Wing Public Affairs
■ The 533rd Training Squadron and the 30th Space Communica-tions Squadron laced it up to take the ice – make that the concrete – to compete for the 2003 Vandenberg Intramural Roller Hockey Championship Aug. 22.

The 533rd advanced through the winner’s bracket, while SCS went the tougher route through the loser’s side of the brackets.

SCS would have to win two games back-to-back for the title, while the 533rd needed to win only once.

With the first game underway, it appeared as though SCS was up to the challenge and might very well win two.

Mike Walker got SCS on the board first at the 14-minute mark of the first period.

Intramural roller hockey games

consist of two 17-minute halves. By the end of the first period SCS had established an intermission lead of 5-1.

“SCS has come a long

rolled along, they started to jell as a team and as you see tonight, became a serious factor in the championship race. They’ve had a strong showing all year and they’ve developed a strong bench with their g u y s returning f r o m deployments

second period and began to show why they were the defending 2002 league champs.

By the 15:44 mark, they had scored two quick goals and narrowed the score to 5-3. Looking to put a stop to the bleeding of points, Walker again scored, eventually ending up with four goals for the contest.

Although the contest was tight off and on, by the end of game one, SCS had the victory in hand and forced a game two.

Game two quickly shaped up into a battle of goalies, but by the 14-minute mark in period one, the

533rd held a commanding 4-1 lead and was never really challenged. The final score, 16-8, favored the repeat champions from the 533rd.

“I think we were all a little tired by the end, but everyone on our team gave a little extra to win this,” Joshua Burger said.

“Their team has gotten better and I’m sure they’ll continue to improve, but tonight was our night.”

The big scoring guns for their respective teams were Mike Walker from SCS and Daniel Davies from the 533rd.



Above: Despite a good showing by Mike Walker, 30th Space Communications Squadron, the 533rd Training Squadron took the base’s 2003 roller hockey championship Aug. 22. Below, left, center and right: A hard fought game by the 30th SCS forced a second game in the match between SCS and the 533rd TRS.



PHOTOS BY STAFF. SGT EDWARD BRALY

Fitness news in brief...

The Vandenberg Fitness Center provides a variety of classes. The fitness center's hours of operation are: Monday-Friday from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are also classes offered at the Services

Center. Call 606-3832 for the date and times of these classes.

The following is a list of classes offered at the services center:

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

A thorough warm up begins this class. A full body workout includes toning and stretching along with the use of free

weights and the body ball, step and resistance training with dynaban and tubing.

BOX AEROBICS

Aerobics of this type uses kicks and punches borrowed from boxing, martial arts and self defense. it strengthens the abdominal muscles and includes a post workout stretch.

INTERMEDIATE STEP

Participants must be familiar with the 12 basic steps and the patterns of their use. More complex patterns and propulsions are introduced in this 30- to 40-minute class.

INDOOR CYCLING

This 45-minute class challenges the body by simulating a cycling journey

over varied terrain and adding resistance to the body.

YOGA FITNESS

Traditional yoga poses for all fitness levels are done in a flowing format designed to create a workout that properly warms the muscles for flexibility. Breathing techniques are emphasized.

POW/MIA Day

Remember those held prisoner of war or missing in action at 2 p.m. Sept. 19 in front of the base POW/MIA memorial.



Kids Fire Camp 2003

Children like Raquel Mann learn fire safety and get hands-on experience with fire equipment during the Vandenberg Fire Department's Kids Fire Camp!



Kids Fire Camp 2003 takes place Sept. 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Station 2. Sign up children ages 8 to 12 by calling the youth center at 606-2152.

Historic landmark provides window into past

By AIRMAN JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

It's amazing how much things have changed over the last century. You really learn how to appreciate things when you get the opportunity to see how Americans lived 70, 80 and 90 years ago. I got a glimpse of the past while I was visiting the Fabing-McKay-Spanne Historical House in Lompoc.

Built in 1875 by Henry Fabing, a blacksmith, the house is still in excellent condition. During my visit to the historical house, I was greeted by a group of elderly volunteers called docents. Shirley Phelps agreed to give me a tour of the property. She told me that the house was only owned by three different families; the Fabings, the McKays and the Spannes.

In 1968 the home was bought by the Lompoc Valley Historical Society Inc., Phelps said. The historical society began a project dedicated to protecting and preserving the history of Lompoc.

From the outside, the historical house looks like an ordinary house until you step inside. Then it's like being inside a piece of the past. The kitchen, dining and living rooms are all furnished with items made in the early 1900s. The china and silverware look similar but also slightly different in style compared to modern china. The kitchen stove is an old coal burning stove and the sink has a pump on it for pumping water in from the outside.

Phelps said the house had no central heating, plumbing or



The house contains old documents, diaries, letters and pictures from the turn of the century.



This Lompoc landmark was built in 1875 by Henry Wadsworth Fabing and then was sold to the William McKay family in 1902. It was sold to the Nis Spanne family in 1911.



One of the first refridgerators in Lompoc was this General Electric unit, which included a small ice box.

electricity when it was built.

"The kitchen was the main area back then because that's where the stove was," said Phelps. "The rest of the doors in the house were closed off in order to keep warm and everyone would pile up in the kitchen back then."

In the up stairs room a closet full of women's cloths gave me an idea of what the dress was like so many years ago. The clothing seemed quite small in my opinion.

Kathi Downey, another volunteer, told me the people were often a lot smaller than they are today.

"They were not able to eat as healthy and as much as we do today, therefore they were smaller people," Downey said.

Out back there's a carriage house full of old cars and

carriages that were preserved by the historical society, including a 1908 Ford.

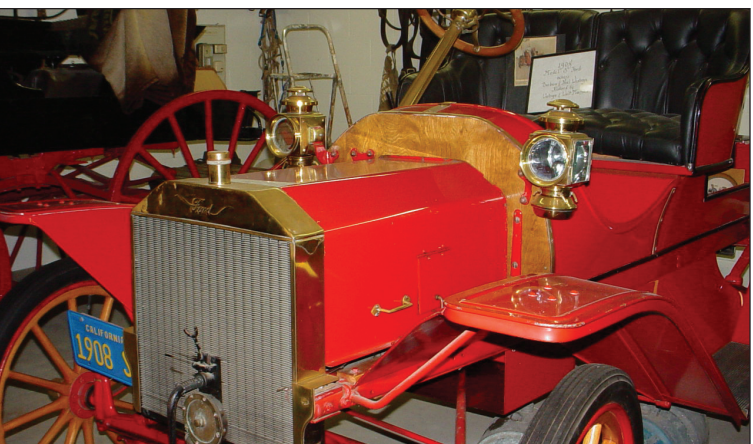
There is also a small museum on the property with more Lompoc history in it. Photos on the wall, show what Lompoc looked like in its developmental days. Old wheelchairs, appliances, such as the first refrigerators, and the very first gas stove also reside in the museum.

The museum carries lots of other antiques that give the viewers an impression of how life was in the past. Unlike a lot of other museums, I was actually able to touch some of the items on

display.

I think the historical house is a great place to bring children for a lesson in history. Plus, the next time they begin to complain about how they can't clean their rooms or wash the dishes, take them by the historical house and show them how they would have had to work had they been born in the early 1900s. That should help straighten them out a bit.

The Fabing-McKay-Spanne historical house is located at 207 north L Street in Lompoc and is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and every fourth Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.



Volunteers restored this 1908 Ford, which now resides in the Fabing-McKay-Spanne carriage house.

Community Calendar

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FRI

Lompoc Olde Town Market – 5 to 9 p.m. today on South H Street in Lompoc.

Homeschooling curriculum – the Lompoc Unified School District offers a new program for 2003-2004 to serve grades K-5. Call 736-2371.

Financial planning – 11 a.m. to noon today at the family support center. Call 606-0039.

“Other Faces, Other Worlds – Images of Russia, Nicaragua and Mexico” – 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Learning Resource Center on the Allan Hancock College Santa Maria campus.

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FRI

Golf tournament – 9 a.m. today at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Call 606-4517 or 606-1938. Proceeds benefit Operation Kid's Christmas.

Free car seats – to E-4 and below. Call

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FRI

Got School Supplies – Boxes are located at the Commissary and Base Exchange to donate school supplies to the Homeless Education Liaison Project in Lompoc.

Space and Sea Girl Scouts – accepts members ages 6 to 18 and needs adult volunteers. Call 606-1119.

Allan Hancock College late registration – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 29. Schedules are online at www.hancockcollege.edu. Call 605-5915.

CLEP tests – College-Level Examination Program pre-tests are available online at www.peterson.com/airforce/testprep.html. Register using activation code FL4610.

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The Vandenberg Airmen's Attic – needs donations of items necessary to set up a household. The program is open to military personnel E-5 and below with an Air Force Form 552 from their first sergeant. Call

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606-5338.

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Musicians wanted – G.I. Java is looking for local musicians to play at the coffeehouse during business hours. Solo performers and bands are welcome. Call the Chapel at 606-5778 for an audition.

Gift of Groceries program – The Defense Commissary Agency offers a gift certificate program that allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates to donate to military families through charitable organizations or give directly to military friends and family. Gift certificates are available online at www.commissaries.com.

Marriage enrichment counseling – offered on a one-on-one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

Twilight beach horseback rides – at

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606-5484.

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Farmer's Market – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the commissary.

School Closure – Lompoc Unified School District schools and education offices are closed Monday.

Office closure – The family support center is closed for staff training from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays. Those requiring emergency Air Force Aid will be assisted. Call 606-0801.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly – 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center.

Relaxation room – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in building 10346 in the Vandenberg Base Exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for

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Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Beginners are welcome. Call (805) 489-8100.

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3-Day TAP Seminar – 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Call 606-0039 to sign up for the transition assistance program.

Community blood pressure checks – 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday at fire stations 2 and 5. Call 606-3217.

Big Brother, Big Sister – 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Call 735-4376, ext. 26.

Catholic summer fellowship – noon Wednesdays at Cocheo Park.

Chapel singles group – 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at G.I. Java.

Risk reduction classes – 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221 to sign up.

Satellite Amateur Radio Club – 2 p.m. Sept. 6 at Building 23100. Call 733-4416.

Operation Baby Launch – 5 p.m. Sep. 8 in the Vandenberg

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more information.

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Clinic Auditorium. Call 605-8254.

Deployed Spouses Support Group – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 9 in the family support center. Call 606-0039.

Allan Hancock College Connect – Sept. 9 and 10. Call (866) DIAL AHC to register.

Investment series – 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 12 at the family support center. Call 606-0039.

Ethel Pope Auditorium Foundation fundraising event – 5 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Santa Maria Inn.

Frankenstein traveling exhibition – Sept. 27 through Nov. 1 at the Allan Hancock College Santa Maria Library.

Worldwide case lot sale – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 27 from 10 to 6 p.m. Sept. 28 at the commissary.

San Luis Obispo Plein Air Painting Festival – Sept. 29 through Oct. 5 in San Luis Obispo.

Base lake clean-up – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 10 at Pine Canyon Lakes. Volunteers are needed. Call 606-3013 to sign up.

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Movie Corner

Hi-Way Drive-in

Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515

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Parks Plaza Buellton

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THE ITALIAN JOB PG-13

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LE DIVORCE PG-13

DAILY 2:00-4:30-7:15 FRI 9:30 SAT-MON 11:30

SEABISCUIT PG-13

DAILY 4:00-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-MON 1:00

Call Edwards Santa Maria 10 for movie listings (800) 326-3264

Movies Gemini

Lompoc Ph. 736-1306

THE MEDALLION

DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-MON 11:30-2:00

FREAKY FRIDAY PG-13

DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-MON 11:30-2:00

Movies Lompoc

Lompoc Ph. 736-1558

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THE ITALIAN JOB PG-13

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DAILY 4:00-7:00-9:35 SAT-MON 1:00

General Admission \$7.00 Kids and Seniors \$5.00 All Shows Before 5:30 p.m. \$5.00. Movies and Times Subject to Change

Vandenberg Thrift Shop

The Vandenberg Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Call 606-3128 to find out more.

The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180. They always need volunteers.

The Vandenberg Food Pantry

Needs food donations

Items needed are:

sugar, Bisquick, pasta sauce, pancake mix, Hamburger Helper, evaporated milk, wiper, crackers, meals, macaroni & canned vegetables, mixed nuts, tuna, sizes 3, 4, 5, juice frosting, canned fruit and vegetables

Chicken Helper, baby soups, complete cheese, brown sugar, rice, flour, pasta, peanuts, peanut butter, jelly, diapers; boxes, cake mixes,

The food pantry is located behind the family support center. For more information on hours of operation, call 606-2960.

30th Services News

SERVICES CENTER



Massage Therapy & Day Spa has a **NEW EMPLOYEE!**

We now have more appointments available for your convenience.

Come by to meet Chris... specializing in Shiatsu, Reflexology and Deep Tissue work. (Prices remain the same) Call 605-4748 to make an appointment. We are located in the Services Center Building.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

N.O.T.I.C.E

The Skills Development Center will be closed Friday and Saturday for inventory. Call 606-9487 for more information.

LIBRARY



Teen Mystery Month

at the Library
starts Sept. 29...

Dial-A-Story

This week's story is "Labor Day" This no-cost service is for children of all ages and is available 24 hours. Call 606-4300 to hear Dial-a-Story!

The Base Library has a new database available from home or the library: EBSCO Auto Repair Reference Center. The ARRC database contains complete automotive repair information for approximately 23,000 vehicles, covering 1954 to the present, and is provided by the publisher of Chilton® automotive books. Stop by the library for access information.

BREAKERS DINING FACILITY

Would you like to know what is being served in your dining facility before you go to lunch?



Breakers Dining Facility has a telephone menu service. The Dial-a-Menu line is available at 606-8234. Customers with suggestions, comments or concerns, are asked to fill out a comment card located inside Breakers. To speak with someone directly, call the 30th Services Squadron's food service section at 606-3219.

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Book holiday parties now!

The Pacific Coast Club has dates available for holiday parties. Plan unit holiday extravaganzas for one of the PCCs open dates and deduct \$2 per club member plus another \$2 for scheduling the party Sunday through Thursday. Don't miss out on this holiday special... the dates won't last long!

Call the Pacific Coast Club for more information at 734-4375 or 606-6330.

30TH SERVICES SQUADRON



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**Today • Services Center
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PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Fried Chicken Night

Tue

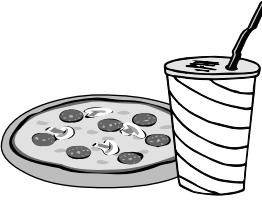
5 to 8 p.m.



Bring in the family...
PCC-style fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw and rolls... family-style!

4-piece: **\$5.95** (MFP)
8-piece: **\$10.95** (MFP)
16-piece: **\$15.95** (MFP)

Kid's Night Special



Children 11 years and under
Get a 6-inch mini pizza with your choice of toppings and unlimited soda
\$1.50
In-house only, no coupons please

Wed

4 to 9 p.m.

Pasta Mania Buffet



Bring in the family...
Children 4 years and under eat FREE, ages 5-11 years are half price!

Pasta Buffet
\$6.95 (MFP)

Thu

5 to 8 p.m.

Soul/R&B NIGHT w/DJ Layton

Tonight!
E-Lounge • 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
No Federal Endorsement Intended.



The Club and Foggio's
will be closed Sunday and Monday for Labor Day weekend. We will be open regular hours on Tuesday.